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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop REISSUE **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified reissue application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at column 3, line 42 with the following:

The motor is affixed to the top of the drive housing and connects directly to the rotor as described above. The motor in [this] the preferred embodiment is a standard frame [17] stepper motor, but may be any suitable drive device, such as a DC motor, AC motor, or servo motor. It may be desirable for the electronic system to be able to receive feedback on the position of the diaphragms. This is accomplished by attaching a switch of optical or mechanical means to a threaded drive shaft attached with a coupling to the rear shaft of the motor. This threaded shaft